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From: Kaplan, Samuel (DEM)
Sent: Thur 4/14/2016 2:26:41 PM
Subject: for NEIWPCC CEC committee - FW: firefighting foam question- Rhode Island

NEIWPCC emerging contaminants committee members,

Please help us here in Rhode Island answer a reporter's question about monitoring that may be going on in your state or region in terms of monitoring the environment (especially drinking water supplies) for perfluorinated chemicals used in firefighting foam - PFOA and PFOS. If you are aware of such work being done, and have a moment to respond, please let me know this week. (And if you would prefer not to receive a group email requests like this from us in the future, please let me know).

Thanks for your consideration,

Sam

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Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 9:37 AM

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Cc: Good, Alicia (DEM) <Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy>; Kiernan, Sue (DEM)

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Importance: High

Hi Ernie and Sam

Has this issue come up in any meeting that either of you have been to. Does EPA or NEIWPCC have a position on monitoring for these contaminants. Any idea if HEALTH is monitoring or tracking this issue. I assume the reporter contacted HEALTH but will suggest doing so when we respond.

Angelo

From: Mastrati, Gail (DEM)

Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 2:58 PM

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We received this inquiry from Associated Press regarding firefighting foam and effects on water; we will coordinate with DOH before responding. Is DEM doing any monitoring or are you aware of any monitoring efforts by other agencies (RIWRB)? If you can get back by tomorrow that would be helpful to allow for follow-up with DOH.

Thanks,

Gail

From: McDermott, Jennifer [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Sent: Wednesday, April 13, 2016 1:38 PM
To: Mastrati, Gail (DEM) [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]; Wendelken, Joseph (DOH) [Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy]
Subject: firefighting foam question- Rhode Island

Hi Gail and Joseph,

I'm working on a story about a foam used to fight fires, Aqueous Film Forming Foam, which contains perfluorinated chemicals, PFOA and PFOS. This foam is used at places where catastrophic fuel fires can occur, such as military bases, airports and refineries. Some versions of the foam contain PFOA and PFOS, which are considered emerging contaminants by the EPA, and other versions do not.

I'm reaching out to environmental protection departments and health departments to find out whether states are checking to see whether PFOA and PFOS from Aqueous Film Forming Foam are in any water supplies.

The military is checking wells for these chemicals.

Other than any checks by the military in Rhode Island, can you please tell me by this Friday, April 15, whether Rhode Island is trying to find out where this foam has been used; whether it's monitoring wells or any other water supplies for the chemicals from the foam; and whether it's

addressing the risk of water contamination from the foam in any other fashion?

I appreciate your help with this.

Jennifer

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